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Morrison of OAS Testifies in House

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The Senate Preparedness sub-committee today summoned the Intelligence chiefs of the Army and Navy to tell their stories of the Cuban missile crisis.

Chairman John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) listed Naval Intelligence Chief Rear Admiral V. L. Lawrence and Maj. Gen. Alva R. Fitch, Army Intelligence chief, as today's witnesses.

The committee yesterday heard Air Force Intelligence Chief Maj. Gen. Robert A. Brietweiser report that there was complete co-operation between the Air Force and the Central Intelligence Agency in the air reconnaissance of Cuba last fall.

Sen. Stennis relayed parts of Gen. Brietweiser's testimony after the closed hearing.

The chairman said Gen. Brietweiser did not indicate there was any gap in reconnaissance when the job was transferred from CIA to the Air Force just before offensive missiles were found on the island.

In the House, de Lesseps S. Morrison, U. S. Ambassador to the OAS, was the chief witness as the House Foreign Affairs sub-committee on Latin America continued its inquiry into Red infiltration and subversion.

Mr. Morrison was expected to be questioned at length on the recently released OAS report on subversive activities by communist agents in the Americas.

Sen. Stennis said Gen. Brietweiser told the committee the shift of aerial reconnaissance from CIA to the Air Force was "the natural thing to do" because there was a great increase in activity, requiring the greater number of planes and pilots which could only be found in the Air Force.

He said it was very clear that so far as the CIA knows and believes the CIA gave the fullest and most complete co-operation between the Air Force and the CIA during the change-over in 1962, Sen. Stennis said.

Sen. Stennis reported on the report of Paul Rogers, U. S. suggested

to the House that the CIA may have caused a "time lag" on reconnaissance operations that allowed Russia to complete some of the offensive missile installations in Cuba. Rep. Rogers, renewing his demand for a congressional watchdog committee to guide the CIA, said there have been "serious kinks in our intelligence system." (UPI)